(d) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (b) and (c).

(e) The question has not yet been settled.

Students sent away from the Maharaja's College.

345. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether subsequent to the Budget Session of 1106 any student or students have been ordered to leave the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam;

(b) if the answer to (a) be in the affirmative, the number ordered to leave from each class;

(c) what was the reason for such orders;

(d) if the orders were made due to pressure from the University authorities, did the Cochin Government do anything to prevent the sending away of these students in the middle of the year; if so, what did they do;

(e) does the Government know that some of these students had to discontinue their studies;

(f) of these that had to leave how many are Cochinites and how long were they in the College?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Junior B. A. 15

,, Intermediate 40

(c) Restriction in the matter of strength by the University of Madras.

(d) Yes; the Government requested the University not to enforce the restriction which has all along been a dead letter and promised to carry out the recommendations of the Syndicate without delay.

(e) Yes.

(f) Cochinites———37. Two of the Junior B. A. class were students of the College for their Intermediate course. The rest were admitted in June 1931.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(c) When were these restrictions imposed?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There were restrictions from almost the date of the affiliation of the college and they were not been enforced. The last restriction was issued last summer just after the visit of the Commission here in May.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Before the issue of the last restriction in the matter of strength, did the University call upon for a report of the Cochin Government?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what the answer of the Government was?

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—Periodical reports have been sent from here regarding the stage at which the scheme was.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Before issuing the latest instruction regarding restriction of admission, I am told that the University inquired of the Government at what stage they stood regarding the shifting of the College. What is the answer given to them?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It was with regard to the instructions issued from the very beginning. No such inquiry was made with regard to the latest instruction.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—A month before the issue of the latest instruction has the University been told that the whole question of shifting the College is being reconsidered?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In the instructions issued by the University itself the University observes that it is being recodsidered. The University Commission came here because they learnt, from what source I do not know, that the question was being reconsidered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—At the time of their visit last time to Ernakulam have they not been told from an official quarter that the question is being reconsidered? From the present answer I understand that the Government is not in a position to understand the source from which the University got that information.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Before the Commission came here they inquired of so many people, the Director of Public Instruction being one of them, in the course of conversation. No communication was sent to the University that we were reconsidering the question at all.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(e) Is the Government in a position to say how many students had to discontinue?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have no information. I tried to find out how many of them had not joined the colleges. I know that two had not joined the colleges. I do not know what happened with regard to the others. A very large percentage had joined the colleges. With regard to others the whereabouts of some could not be traced. We are giving concessions in the shape of refund of fees, etc. to those who have been sent away.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to those who have not joined the colleges, can I understand from the Government whether it is for want of funds or want of seats?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In the case of one, he was not prepared to go to the place which was available even though the concessions were granted; and in the case of the other even with the concessions that were granted he preferred to lose this educational year and join the college next year than to go outside Cochin.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—During the next educational year will they be provided with seats in the College?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Certainly, we have assured them.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Have there been any requests from any of the students who were asked to go away for any sort of help from the Government?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Already a great deal of help has been recommended on certain general principles. Two other cases for additional assistance have been brought to my notice and they are also being placed before the Government.

Public cart-stand—Vadakkancheri.

346. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With reference to the question No. 10 of the Budget Session of 1106, will the Government be pleased to state (a) whether the Government has come to any conclusion regarding the necessity for a public cart-stand at Vadakkancheri;

(b) whether the correspondence regarding the same can be made available to the House if the decision of the Government is not to have a public cart-stand?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar (a) No.

(b) Since the matter is under enquiry the correspondence cannot be made public at this stage.

Raising the grade of the C. M. & S. O.

347. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) what were the special reasons that worked with the Government to raise the Office of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer to the first grade departmental heads while the Special Finance Committee recommended and the Government accepted the recommendation to put the said office in the second grade;

(b) is the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer allowed private practice;

(c) is the Government aware that the Surgeon-General of Madras is not allowed to take up private practice?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) The recommendation of the Special Finance Committee was to place the Chief Medical Officer in the first grade on Rs. 600—800 and not in the 2nd grade. Though he was at first placed in the 2nd grade only, Government thought it proper to raise his status and pay to that of the 1st grade in view of the fact that he was one of the most important heads of departments.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

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